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Honorable Slade Gorton
United States Senator
3206 Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174

Dear Senator Gorton:

This is in reply to your letter of April 30, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Emmett Wheeler, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Levin
Chief, Policy & Planning Branch
Private Radio Bureau

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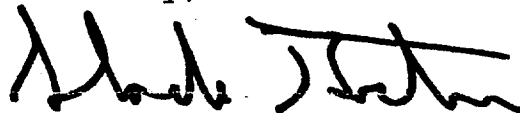
Dear Ms. Rafferty:

Senator Dean Sutherland, has requested my assistance on behalf of his constituent, Mr. Emmett Wheeler, as described in the enclosed material.

I would appreciate your review of this matter to determine whether Mr. Wheeler's request can be accommodated. Please direct your response to the attention of Florine Bolar in my Seattle office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



SLADE GORTON
United States Senator

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Enclosure



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Senator Dean Sutherland

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The Honorable Slade Gorton
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Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Senator Gorton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Emmett Wheeler, a constituent of ours, from Camas. He has written to me protesting the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rules change regarding radio frequencies. Mr. Wheeler uses the frequencies when he flies his radio controlled model airplanes.

He has informed me that the FCC is considering reducing the number of frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band from 50 to 19. This would endanger the safety of bystanders not to mention jeopardize his hobby. Decreasing the amount of frequencies available increases the possibility that remaining frequencies will become congested and cause the aircraft to crash.

I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Wheeler's letter. Please do all that you can to see that Mr. Wheeler's needs are met.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Best Regards,

Dean

Dean Sutherland